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1. ARMANDO BARUFFA, CHIEF ADVISOR TO EC DIRECTOR-GENERAL
FOR ENERGY LEONARD WILLIAMS, PROVIDED MISSION OFFICER WITH
A DESCRIPTION OF THE STATE-OF-PLAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
FACILITY ATTACHMENTS UNDER SUBJECT AGREEMENT. HE THEN
ASKED WHAT HAS BEEN THE U.S. REACTION TO THE WILLIAMS LETTER
TO FISCHER (REF A). MISSION OFFICER RESPONDED BY DRAWING
ON PARAGRAPH 7 AND 8 OF REF (B). BARUFFA AGREED ON THE
NOTED PROVISION THAT THE ARRANGEMENT CAN BE REVIEWED AFTER
AN INITIAL PERIOD, NOTING THAT THE REVIEW WOULD BE TWO-WAY.
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HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT OBJECT
TO THE BASIC POSITION OF THE WILLIAMS LETTER, THAT WE WERE
SO ADVISING IAEA, AND THAT WE WERE MAKING EFFORTS TO CON-
VINCE THE USSR TO GO ALONG WITH IT. HE SAID THAT THIS
WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN FUTURE COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS WITH
MEMBER COUNTRIES.

2. WITH RESPECT TO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, BARUFFA FIRST INFORMED US THAT DG EKLUND IS PLANNING TO VISIT EC COMMISSIONER BRUNNER IN BRUSSELS PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY 21 BG MEETING IN VIENNA. HE DID NOT KNOW THE DATE OR THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING.

3. HE THEN NOTED THAT RECENT MEETINGS OF THE IAEA-EURATOM "CONTACT GROUP" HAS REVEALED THAT THERE MAY BE PROBLEMS AHEAD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITY ATTACHMENTS FOR CATEGORIES OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES OTHER THAN LIGHT WATER REACTORS AND REPROCESSING PLANTS. HE APPEARED TO BE QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THESE PROBLEMS BUT IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, LEONARD WILLIAMS TOLD US THAT HE IS STILL CONVINCED THAT THE OUTSTANDING DISAGREEMENTS ON THESE OTHER TYPES OF FACILITIES WILL BE RESOLVED QUICKLY ONCE AGREEMENT ON LWR'S AND REPROCESSING PLANTS IS REACHED.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO THE DISCUSSION WITH BARUFFA, LEONARD WILLIAMS CALLED MISSION AS A RESULT OF A PHONE CONVERSATION HE HAD ON JANUARY 18 WITH FISCHER. FISCHER HAD INVITED WILLIAMS TO COME TO VIENNA FOR FURTHER TALKS; THEY AGREED ON JANUARY 26. WILLIAMS SAID THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY FISCHER THAT THE AGENCY, BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH USSR AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES, CONSIDERED THAT "RANDOM" (IN CONNECTION WITH THE OBSERVATIONS BY IAEA OF EURATOM REMOVAL OF CASSETTES) MEANT 50 PERCENT. WILLIAMS ASKED WHERE THIS IDEA CAME FROM, SINCE HE UNDERSTOOD (PER PARA 1 ABOVE) THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE U.S. FOUND ACCEPTABLE HIS LETTER, WHICH DEFINED THESE INSPECTIONS AS OCCASIONAL AND LIMITED (HARDLY, HE NOTED, INTENDED TO MEAN A FREQUENCY OF 50 PERCENT). AFTER TELECON WITH U.S. MISSION VIENNA, WE TOLD WILLIAMS THAT THE 50 PERCENT WAS NOT A FIXED POSITION, BUT DID COME OUT AS A COMPROMISE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIETS IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN USSR AND U.S. MISSIONS.

5. ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DETECTION TIMES FOR PLUTONIUM, WILLIAMS ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. AGREED WITH HIS POSITION THAT THIS SHOULD BE A MATTER THAT HAS RECEIVED SOME FORM OF FORMAL SANCTION BY THE IAEA GOVERNING BOARD PRIOR TO APPLYING IT TO FACILITY ATTACHMENTS. AGAIN DRAWING ON REF (B), WE TOLD HIM THAT THE U.S. IS, IN FACT, SEEKING THROUGH SAGSI TO HAVE A PAPER ON SUCH CRITERIA THAT WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNING BOARD ON FEBRUARY 21. HE SAID THAT WAS GOOD NEWS AND WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.

6. WILLIAMS SAID THAT THE ATOMIC QUESTIONS GROUP HAS INSTRUCTED THE COMMISSION TO PREPARE A POSITION PAPER THAT COULD BE USED BY EC MEMBER COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IAEA GOVERNING BOARD AT THE FEBRUARY 21 MEETING IN THE

EVENT THE EC IS EXPOSED TO ATTACK THERE ON THE STATUS OF
COMPLETING THE FACILITY ATTACHMENTS. HINTON

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